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Editorial Opinions of the Leading Journals Upon Current Topics—Compiled Every Day for the Evening Telegraph.

ALBERT D. RICHARDSON'S EULOGISTS.

From the N. Y. World. If such friends of Richardson as Vice-President Colfax and the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher had not afforded the public sense of decency by ostentatious sympathy for a seducer and justification of his conduct, the press would have no other duty in connection with this tragedy than to lay upon it in the similar cases which are of such frequent occurrence. Richardson was no such novice as not to know that a man who seduces a wife from her allegiance carries his life in his hand, and may expect to forfeit it to the vengeance of the outraged husband. He dared the consequences, and they came. He doubtless thought the prize worth the risk and the forfeit; and we will do him the justice to say that, so far as he was informed, he met his fate without any unmanly quailing, or any protest against any righteousness. The avenging Nemesis, which is ever on the path of such transgressors, speedily overtook him; and if his eulogists had not attempted to blurt and pervert the moral sense of the community, it would be safe, as well as charitable, to dismiss him to his reward without any remarks.

But when the most popular and eloquent divine in the country, and the second functionary in the Government, undertakes to "blazon evil deeds and consecrate a crime," their attempt to lower the moral tone of the community cannot pass without rebuke. Whatever lenity might be practiced towards the infatuated parties to this tragedy in consideration of their terrible punishment, is swallowed up in a feeling of indignation and disgust against those who have prostituted their influence and talents in defense of an intercourse which the moral sentiment of the community condemns.

Mr. Beecher cannot escape by turning upon the public, as he did in his funeral remarks and denouncing, in a strain of coarse vituperation, those who regard the marriage tie as sacred. "The lion in his strength," said he, meaning Richardson, "and in his own fastness, is able to defend himself; but no sooner has the arrow of the huntsman laid him low than he is set upon by every vile thing, every fly, every crawling worm. Now that he is down, he lies all around about him, and death, that is to most men a tribute to old enemies, is the very arming of the battle against him." It is not against the dead seducer, but against you, Mr. Beecher, and such as you, that the public indignation is lost loose on this truly mournful occasion. Had you, and such as you, been content to cast a silent mantle of charity over the erring, and withhold the public eulogies by which you have shocked the sensibilities of right-thinking people, there would have been no occasion for you to stand defiantly on the defensive, and interpose the perforated corpse of your dead "lion" as a shield between you and the public censure. It is against you and such as you that the searing breath of incensed virtue is directed; you, who, without the apology of temptation, free from the passion which blinds those illicit lovers, coolly insult a Christian community by folsome and indecent praises of their guilty connection. But for you, and such as you, this terrible case would have operated as an impressive warning; by your eulogies and your marriage ceremony you hold it up as an example.

The Indiana divorce was a fraud and a sham. You married the parties knowing it to be a mere Indiana divorce, procured on ex parte representations, without notice to the offended husband, in a place distant from the real residence of the parties. You know, Mr. Beecher, and every body knows, that Mrs. McFarland would not have dared to apply for a divorce here in the State of New York where the parties resided and the facts which had been investigated. In the eye of our laws, and by the rules of our courts, the marriage with McFarland has never been dissolved; and your performance of the marriage ceremony made you not only a justifier of seduction but an abettor of bigamy.

In the light of the sworn testimony taken in McFarland's application for the custody of his children, this is as clear a case of seduction as was ever proved by evidence. The landlady of the house in Amity street swears that Mrs. McFarland applied to her for a room for Richardson, and that he came there in consequence of an arrangement which she had made for him. The room adjoined hers, and the inmates of the house testify that she was frequently in it in the absence of her husband. All this might be innocent enough if it were not for the light thrown back upon it by the subsequent developments. She afterwards abandons her husband and puts herself under Richardson's protection. When he is wounded she goes to Mr. Sinclair's house and takes care of him, passes whole days and whole nights alone with him, bestowing the most endearing caresses upon him, and permitting it to be understood in Mr. Sinclair's family, and by other arrangements, that she and Richardson were under an engagement of marriage. It is impossible to resist the conclusion that she forsok her husband in the expectation of marrying Richardson; that he had knowingly excited that expectation, and had thereby alienated her from her husband; and that the Indiana divorce—procured probably by the friendly intervention and assistance of Mr. Colfax—was the consummation of a purpose which had been formed while the parties were occupying adjoining rooms in Amity street.

And upon conduct such as this Mr. Beecher bestows his blessing and benediction! With this history before the public in the shape of sworn testimony, he had the effrontery to stand up beside Richardson's corpse, and declare that "both he, and she who is left to mourn his absence, have always lived in a prudential manner!"

THE VALUE OF THE CHINAMAN.

From the N. Y. Times. However difficult it has been for the representative of any power to open negotiations with the Emperor of China, upon a direct and personal basis, there can be no doubt that the United States have been accorded the preference in this respect. Mr. Burlingame's mission is the first ever quasi-diplomatic recognition of that nature ever made by the Chinese Court. Being thus favorably situated towards the vast empire from which great benefits in the way of commerce are expected, it becomes of great importance that nothing occur by which the progress of our acquaintance with the Chinese people and Government may be delayed or its influence weakened. The treatment which Chinese emigrants are to receive bears directly upon this subject. If they are encouraged, they should also be protected. They are a quiet, industrious race, and peculiarly liable to oppression at the hands of those who look upon them as intruding rivals. Their labor is already of great value in some sections, and

that value should be motive enough for the interests which it serves to make them feel that they are among friends.

The most systematic arrangements for bringing over the Chinese laborers have been made in California, and with striking results. The "six companies" of San Francisco undertake not only the control of the immigration, but the care of the Chinese on their arrival. They have their offices in China, which are directly under the control of the Chinese government. By this agency the postage is provided, records of every man, woman, and child are kept, and remittances from the immigrants to their friends at home—aggregating from \$20,000 to \$100,000 by each steamer—are forwarded. And, what is of great consequence, their national feelings are carefully respected by the collection and transmission home of the bones of Chinamen dying in California, it being regarded by the Chinese a great calamity if their remains are finally deposited in foreign soil.

Altogether, 138,586 Chinese have reached California. These are thus accounted for by the companies—Returned, 37,924; dead, 40,426; remaining in the States, 41,000; and the rest have gone into other States. There are besides over 90,000 still on the coast. The 41,000 are variously occupied, 31,700 being active adult males, the balance consisting of women, children, and old people. The returns show a decrease from those of 1848 of 343.

The great difficulty in the way of these people is the prejudice existing against them among the white laboring classes. But it is an unjust and short-sighted feeling, if the general prosperity of the localities in which they are domiciled be worth consideration. Their labor is cheap, but it is of a kind which is for the most part, repugnant to many white men from its laborious character. They undertake tasks which are unremunerative to any but those whose wants are few and simple. The prices of fruits, vegetables, meats, butter, coarse clothing, cigars, and many other commodities are rendered cheaper to the general community of San Francisco in particular by their means. There are, it is stated, many branches of manufacture which could not be carried on without their aid. The complaint is justly made that they are "mixed up with politics"—that is, that politicians make opposition to them a ground for claiming political support. This is much to be regretted, and the evil may increase. But it should be borne in mind that they assist in developing the national resources. Their services in building the Central Pacific Railroad alone are an evidence of what importance may be attached to them in the future, and should entitle them to kindness and consideration.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

From the Wheeling Intelligencer. Jeff. Davis, as everybody knows, has returned to the United States, and has for the present taken up his residence in Memphis. Some demonstrations of respect for his character were made on his arrival in that city, and some of commiseration over his blighted hopes and his reversed prospects in life. The sensation produced by his arrival, however, scarcely survived the day on which he came, and the chief of the Rebellion, the foremost of the men who denounced their country as unfit for people of spirit to live in, finds himself once more on his native soil, a sadder and perhaps a wiser man for all that he has done and suffered both at home and abroad. There is a point beyond which no applause or adulation will sustain him. One soon wearies of the mere sympathy of others, and a high-minded man is seldom willing to accept it at all.

We cannot be surprised, however, that the chief of the late Rebellion finds some solace in the sympathies of the Southern people. They kindled together the torches of the civil war. They endured together its unequalled privations, and they have shared together the bitter memories of its lost cause. A common brooding over the past is all they have left to bind them to each other. But an occupation like this, as is said, "butters no man's bread," and Jeff. Davis will not be long in discovering, what the Southern people have generally found out already, that politics will not yield him a support, and that he must take his place among the working millions who have all his life disparaged and despised. The generals who led the Rebel armies have fallen, in considerable proportion, into agencies of express companies, or become superintendents of railroads. In the South, as they have shown their good sense in resorting to such occupations for a livelihood. Here and there they are at the head or in some other office of institutions of education, and are teaching to the young the sciences which they acquired at West Point long before the war. We wait to see what particular place in Southern life has been reserved for the man who so long held Southern destinies in his hand. Is he to be the president of a college, or the agent of an insurance company, the treasurer of a railroad, or the head of a railroad, or the head of a military institute?

The indulgence of the American people towards the Confederate President has been the greatest punishment he could have received. Had he been executed for treason he would have ranked among the heroes of history; his fate, have if not his achievements, would have secured him a fame forever. No such distinction can now ever belong to him. He can never be anything in the estimation of mankind but the leader of an unsuccessful rebellion, and the last champion of American slavery. The lost cause, with which he is identified, is the cause of human oppression and wrong, as well as treason and rebellion. His very life, even, is a punishment. He is indebted for it to the Government he attempted to overthrow, and he is to spend it among the ruins of the slavery he sought to perpetuate, and in the midst of the people whose interests he has helped to blight, and whose hopes he has aided in ruining! In sparing his life, and permitting him to return from exile, the Government annihilated his only hold upon the interest of the world, and took away his last chance of being ranked among either heroes or martyrs.

A SOUTHERN VIEW OF NEGRO SUFFRAGE.

From the Memphis Avalanche. Negro suffrage is a fixed, irrevocable fact. For over two years the Democratic party has recognized this fact. Our party platform, and our leaders, in their speeches and resolutions, are pledged not to disturb the negro in his possession of the elective franchise. We have sought to make the most of it in conformity to party tactics and party interest. We have favored negro suffrage because the white people of Tennessee outvoted the negro by fifty thousand, and because the colored vote in our State is, therefore, powerless for harm. We favor negro suffrage because the radical majority is likely to remain in power for years, and is determined to force it upon the country, and it is the policy of the people to put themselves in a position to control an evil they cannot eradicate. We favor

negro suffrage because the people of Tennessee are determined to accept it, and nothing can be gained by a way of racism in Shelby county. We favor universal suffrage because the people are weary of strife and this eternal controversy about the negro, and will never witness a restoration of peace and prosperity until all citizens are enfranchised. We favor negro suffrage because it will quiet the negro, give him confidence in his old master, and teach him that his own comfort and peace are interwoven with those of the white race. We favor it because we regard it as the best means of restoring law and order in Tennessee; but however much we believe negro suffrage is fixed and unchangeable in Tennessee, as it is in all our sister States of Virginia, North Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas, we have no objection to our people voting separately and distinctly upon the question. If a majority of the people of Tennessee are opposed to negro suffrage, let that majority be respected. If a majority of the voters of Tennessee are in favor of negro suffrage, the enemies of universal suffrage are bound to submit; then, why all this clamor? The approaching canvass in this county for delegates to the convention promises to be bitter. We wish to avoid a contest so unnecessary, if possible. It can be avoided, and with this view we propose that the delegates to the convention from this county be instructed to vote for the insertion of a clause in the Constitution giving every male citizen of the State the right to vote, with the further instruction that our delegates vote to submit this clause of the Constitution to a separate and distinct vote. If the people ratify such a clause let it remain. If they should vote against it let it be struck out. If the enemies of negro suffrage believe the people are opposed to it, they are surely willing to risk the question to a vote of the people. We would not have negro suffrage forced upon the people, even until the fifteenth amendment forces it upon them, if we really believed a majority opposed it. Let the question be submitted to the people directly. We will support any man nominated by the convention who may be willing to trust the people on a direct vote, and who will give them an opportunity in the way suggested. The proposition to submit the negro suffrage question as a separate clause to the Constitution ought to be satisfactory. Such a clause would not jeopardize the ratification of the whole instrument. There is no use of discussing this question now, when it can be submitted to a direct vote and decided by the people themselves.

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